

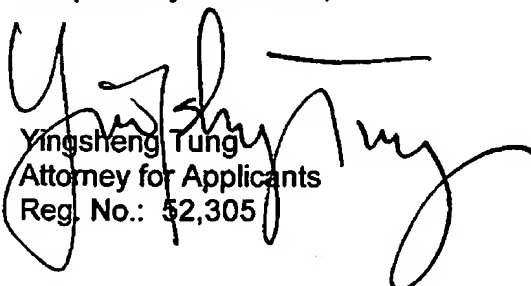
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REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Potter for his careful examination of this application and for conditionally allowing claims 17 and 21. In response to the Office Action of July 19, 2005, applicants amend claims 12 and 18 to incorporate all the limitation in claims 17 and 21 into their respective base claims so claims 12 and 18 stand patentable. Claims 17 and 21 are now canceled from this examination. In addition, applicants insert new claims 22-24, all of which are fully supported in the original specification and the original drawings and they distinguish over the cited reference.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in allowable form; the independent claims 12 and 18 stand patentable; and because the dependent claims 13-16 and 19-20 properly depend on claims 12 and 18 respectively, they also stand patentable. Applicants respectfully request further examination of this application and timely allowance of all pending claims.

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